

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Mental Health Practice
November 5, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, Dale Battleson, at 9:05 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level B, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web 6.30.2021.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (8):

Dale Battleson, Chair
Cassandra Dittmer, Member
Janeen Gill, Secretary
David Hof, Vice Chair
Mychelle Martinez, Member
Susan Meyerle, Member
Susan Reay, Member
Sarita Ruma, Member

Members Absent (2):

Laurie Andrews, Member
Sara Batter, Member

Others Present:

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General and Abby (Law Clerk)
Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor, Licensure Unit
Trevor Klaassen, Mark Meyerson, Carla Cue, Investigations
Public

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Gill moved, seconded by Reay, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Hof moved, seconded by Ruma, to adopt the minutes from September 3, 2021. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: Dittmer (1). Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION RELATING TO 407-applied-Behavioral-Analyst.aspx

- a. Mark Schriver, Nebraska Association of Behavior Analysts (NEABA), present the 407 that has been applied for regarding Behavioral-Analyst. He explained what they are seeking to do to get a license via a proposal for Behavioral Analysis, they submitted a proposal in the last 30 days.

9:27 a.m. Harrison exited Room
9:32 a.m. Harrison entered Room
9:33 a.m. Battleson exited Room
9:35 a.m. Battleson entered room
9:35 a.m. Public exited room

- b. Music Therapy-agenda & reports on the web and members recommended to not approve.

5. CLOSED SESSION - INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

MOTION: Gill moved, seconded by Meyerle, to enter into closed session at 9:40 a.m. to hear discussions of an investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Battleson repeated the motion purpose A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

10:28 a.m. Chiles exited the meeting
10:36 a.m. Chiles entered the meeting
10:47 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Meeting resumed
11:06 a.m. Harrison entered room
11:11 a.m. Reay voiced a conflict of interest and exited the meeting
11:24 a.m. Reay entered the meeting
11:25 a.m. Reay voiced a conflict of interest and exited the meeting
11:38 a.m. Reay entered the meeting
11:39 a.m. Ruma voiced a conflict of interest and exited the meeting
11:40 a.m. Ruma entered the meeting
11:41 a.m. Meyerson exited the meeting
12:10 a.m. Klaassen exited the meeting
12:13 p.m. Battleson exited the meeting
12:16 p.m. Battleson entered the meeting
12:25 p.m. Meyerle exited the meeting
12:36 p.m. Meyerle entered the meeting
12:45 p.m. Harrison exited the meeting
12:49 p.m. Harrison entered the meeting

12:58 p.m. Members agreed to return to Open Session

6. OPEN SESSION - REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REPORT OUT **Applications and Reinstatement Applications**

Reinstatement

Katherine Lambeth – Provisional Mental Health Practitioner / Provisional Certified Master Social Worker

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Reay, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

James Holt— Certified Master Social Worker

Motion: Reay moved, seconded by Hof, to deny the request for Early Release from Probation application terms based on insufficient evidence was provided to support Early Release. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Suzanne Myers- Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and, Master Social Worker

Motion: Reay moved, seconded by Gill, to deny the reinstatement application terms based on insufficient evidence was provided to support reinstatement. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: Meyerle (1). Motion carried.

Cami Sazama – Certified Social Worker

MOTION: Meyerly moved, seconded by Gill, to defer the recommendation to allow the Board time to review additional information submitted. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Reinstatement from Discipline

Justing Mickles- Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner and Certified Professional Counselor

MOTION: Reay moved, seconded by Meyerle, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Initial Application Reviews (Convictions)

Garrish, Thomas – Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner

MOTION: Reay moved, seconded by Gill, to recommend issuance with no terms and conditions. A roll call vote was taken. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hoff, Martinez, Meyerle, Reay, Ruma (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews, Batter (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Education review for MFT

7. Updates and Reports

a. Executive Order 21-12: Chiles updated regarding the expiration date is still December 31, 2021.

b. Association and Committee Updates:

- AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>

Ruma reported there were no updates, taking feedback on bylaws 11-12-2021, Feb 4, 2022 virtual conference.

- AMFTRB <http://www.amftrb.org>

Battleson reported the next meeting is in September and will be a virtual meeting.

- ASWB <http://www.aswb.org>

Batter reported that she will be attending the meeting in November, which will be held virtually and Reay will be an alternate.

f. Justice Behavior Health Committee: Gill was unable to attend the meeting in September, planning to attend the December meeting.

g. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report, and Administrative Penalty Fees Assessed

Chiles reported there are a total of 895 licenses that didn't renew in 2021, the break down is:

116 LIMHP
10 LMFT
422 LMHP
175 CSW
74 CMSW
90 CPC

8. **Schedule 2022 Meetings**: The following dates were agreed to: January 7, March 4, May 6, July 8, August 26 and November 4
9. **Recognition of members** Reay and Ruma for their time on the board.

1:42 p.m. Hof exited meeting

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Battleson declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.; the next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2022.

L. Janeen Gill, Secretary
Board of Mental Health Practice

Summarized by: Licensure Unit